Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure). These instructions envisage that till the review is completed, no vacant posts will be filled up except with the approval of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure). Further, such Ministries/Departments as had not fully implemented the Government's decision to achieve reduction in the number of posts (as on 1.1.1992) in compliance with the across-the-board 10% cut ordered in January, 1992 were asked to fully implement the said decision immediately. As per the information available with the Ministry of Finance, about 1.6 lakh posts in various categories have already been abolished as a result of this exercise.

There is a Unit called the Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) in the Department of Expenditure (Ministry of Finance) which carries out staffing studies of various Government establishments every year. It is the main mechanism for quantitative control on the growth of staff in the Government.

Training of Entrepreneurs in Small Scale Industry

131. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any programme to train entrepreneurs in the Small Scale Sector;

(b) if so, what are the details of training programmes for entrepreneurs;

(c) whether any financial assistance is extended to entrepreneurs who successfully complete training programmes;

(d) the number of entrepreneurs who have obtained such training;

(e) whether any evaluation have been done regarding the benefits of such training; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. Entrepreneurship Development Programmes/Motivational Campaigns and Management Development Programmes are being conducted by the Ministry of SSI & ARI through its field institutes all over India to train prospective/existing entrepreneurs in the samll scale sector.

(b) The details of training programmes are as under:—

(i) Motivational Campaigns

Motivational Campaigns are conducted by the Small Industries Service Institutes. These are of one to two days' duration where intake varies 75 to 150 participants per programme. The training expenses are Rs. 5000/- per programme.

(ii) Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs)

These programmes are conducted by the Small Industries Service Institutes and the Regional Testing Centres for prospective entrepreneurs with a view to motivating them to set up small scale industries. These are of 4 weeks' duration. A course fee between Rs. 250/- to Rs. 1000/- per participants is charged. The Courses conducted in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, North-Eastern States, Sikkim, J&K are free of cost.

(iii) Management Development Programmes (MDPs)

These are conducted by the Small Industries Service Institutes for existing/prospective entrepreneurs and managers of small scale industries to impart training in various management disciplines for improving the productivity and profitability of the enterprises. These are of

I week full time or 2 week's part-time duration. A course fee between Rs. 200/- to Rs. 500/- per participant is charged. The courses conducted in Andaman & Nicobar Island, Lakshadweep, North-Eastern States, Sikkim, J&K are free of cost.

(c) Financial assistance is not extended by the Government to entrepreneurs who successfully complete these training programmes. Credit is extended by the banks and financial institutions after taking into account the viability of the project and fulfilment of certain conditions.

(d) 74404 number of entrepreneurs were trained through Entrepreneurship Development Programmes/Motivational Campaigns and 26237 number of entrepreneurs were trained through Management Development Programmes from 1992-93 to 1998-99.

(e) and (f) A Sample Survey made by the National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development for the programmes conducted during 1989—92 on 197 trainees revealed that 58% of the trainees of Entrepreneurship Development Programmes were successful in setting up new enterprises while 20% were pursuing their efforts. 22% of trainees have altogether dropped the idea of setting up their own units.

Persons engaged in Khadi and Village Industries

132. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages in the country where people have been engaged by the Khadi and Village Industry Commission in the village industries, alongwith the people engaged therein, State-wise;

(b) the details of the village industries/institutions which have been registered;"